ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

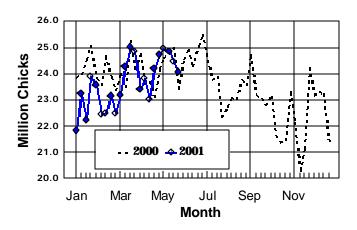
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending June 2, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 2 percent from both the comparable week in 2000, and the previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through June 2, 2001 were 520.2 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.1 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.2 percent.

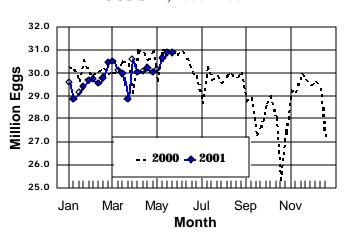
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 2, 2001, slightly above both the same period last year, and the previous week.

	NET PL	ACEME	NTS	CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Apr. 28	24,879	24,197	97	25,270	25,267	100	31,026	30,253	98	
May 5	24,666	24,730	100	25,402	24,919	98	29,675	30,017	101	
May 12	24,716	24,972	101	25,365	25,054	99	31,064	30,173	97	
May 19	25,155	24,859	99	25,575	25,092	98	31,033	30,645	99	
May 26	24,103	24,501	102	24,319	24,893	102	30,978	30,896	100	
Jun 2	24,562	24,050	98	25,720	25,100	98	30,846	30,900	100	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

	CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)											
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	12 - May	19 - May	26-May	02 - Jun	%	28 - Apr	05 - May	12 - May	19-May	26-May	02 - Jun	%
Alabama	29,600	29,578	29,455 *	29,683	101	22,088	22,290	21,476	21,153	21,682 *	22,518	103
ARKANSAS	30,173	30,645	30,896	30,900	100	24,197	24,730	24,972	24,859	24,501	24,050	98
Delaware	3,680	3,652	3,680	3,543	81	4,717	4,190	5,032	4,428	4,029 *	5,135	101
Florida	2,400	2,399	2,392	2,431	84	2,458	2,411	2,362	2,390	2,195	2,484	100
Georgia	32,541 *	32,259 *	32,566	32,444	101	25,092 *	26,013 *	25,511 *	26,133 *	25,377 *	25,298	97
Maryland	8,960	8,532	8,735 *	8,752	100	5,783	5,559	5,702	6,315	6,387 *	5,739	101
Mississippi	19,089	19,140	19,205 *	19,107	102	15,671	15,690	14,837	15,145	15,754 *	15,861	101
N. Carolina	18,120 *	18,000	17,786	17,794	96	14,690	13,794	14,622	14,892	14,636	15,123	103
Pennsylvania	3,821	3,824	3,795	3,806	107	2,785	2,738	2,673	2,655	2,822 *	2,767	100
S. Carolina	5,087	5,023	4,974	4,963	101	4,464	3,878	4,411	3,967	4,242	3,644	97
Texas	15,290	15,307	15,303	14,815	103	11,970	11,917	11,943	12,181	12,131	12,225	106
Virginia	6,605	6,637	6,632	6,784	100	5,322	6,194	5,704	5,031	5,365 *	5,152	93
CATN & WVA	11,586	11,583	11,364 *	11,685	103	10,340	10,060	10,797	9,874	10,168 *	9,859	101
Total 2000-2001	186,952 *	186,579 *	186,783 *	186,707		149,577 *	149,464 *	150,042 *	149,023 *	149,289 *	149,855	
Total 1999-2000	185,949	186,522	185,414	186,505		151,362	150,793	150,139	149,857	148,402	149,543	
% PREV. YEAR	101	100	101	100		99	99	100	99	101	100	
APPROXIMATE M	ARKETING D	ATE 2001				16-Jun	23 - Jun	30 - Jun	07 - Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	
* Revised .	1/ Curren	t week as pe	rcent of the	same weel	k last y	ear.						
* Kentucky	5,513	5,270	5,174 *	5,682	* * * *	4,329	3,987	4,653	4,223	4,143 *	4,529	* * * *
* O k l a h o m a	6,180	6,358	6,257	6,192	* * * *	5,319	4,298	4,274	4,779	4,408	4,171	* * * *
* L A & M O	9,444	9,300	9,463 *	8,725	* * * *	8,843	9,075	8,951	8,491	8,760 *	9,547	****
19 StateTotal	208,089 *	207,507 *	207,677 *	207,306		168,068 *	166,824 *	167,920 *	166,516 *	166,600 *	168,102	

^{*} Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending June 2, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 2, 2001. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through June 2, 2001 were 3.23 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.